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TAX RETURN PREPARER CHARGED WITH PREPARING FALSE RETURNS

An indictment¹ was unsealed March 8, 2011 charging Leonard Destine with willfully aiding and assisting other people in preparing false federal income tax returns which were filed with the Internal Revenue Service, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Destine is the owner of Intellitax Pro, a tax preparation service located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The false tax returns sought refunds in excess of \$60,000. According to the indictment, the returns that Destine prepared included fraudulent filing statuses, charitable deductions, medical and dental deductions, and un-reimbursed employee expenses for individuals who were not entitled to deductions. The indictment alleges 31 separate counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation of the false tax returns.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Leonard Destine	Lancaster, PA	35

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 93 years imprisonment, a fine of \$7.75 million dollars, a special assessment of \$3100 and 3 years of supervised release

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Melanie B. Wilmoth.

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